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Cupid on Campus

Celebrations vary for Valentine's Day

By **HANNAH MARSH**
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again where flowers, candy and cards are high in demand and love is in the air.

That's right, it's Valentine's Day. Dinner and a movie may be the usual date couples typically go on, but there are some individuals on campus at who have different plans.

Carry Degruson, a junior with a double major in speech theatre communications and secondary education, already made plans with her husband to buy each other professional massages.

Also with another idea is Dr. Gwendolyn Murdock, head of the psychology department. Not only are she and her spouse celebrating Valentine's Day, but their anniversary as well. The two are taking a trip to Lawrence, Kan., for dinner then off to the Kansas International Museum in Topeka, Kan., to view an exhibit of Russian artifacts.

Even if one can't spend Valentine's Day with a loved one, why not celebrate it a day early? Lacey Messick, senior mass communications major, and also a Lady Lion for Southern's basketball team, has a game on the 15th.

"We'll be on the road, so me

and my boyfriend are going to celebrate on Thursday," she said

Tracy Hamilton, senior speech communications major and her boyfriend are also celebrating the day before with dinner and a concert in Springfield.

Even though this is a popular holiday, there are still some individuals who choose not to take part.

"I don't celebrate Valentine's Day because it is just a holiday for the flower and candy companies to make money," said Samantha Dennis, junior elementary education major. "My fiancé and I are going to spend this Friday just like every other Friday."

"It just makes people feel like they have to have a date, and if they don't, they feel bad about themselves," said Terrence Fusselman, freshman undecided major.

Whether one is into Valentine's Day or whether people have a special someone or not, there were still some events at Southern to take part in.

Throughout the week, there were STD seminars and other health awareness activities along with games such as love bingo and a relationship game.

The last event takes place at 9 p.m. Friday in the Student Life Center when Southern Impact sponsors a Valentine's Day party.



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Susanna Barnes, freshman history major, signs up for Love Bingo at the Student Life Center. Students are celebrating Valentine's Day in different ways.

Governor appoints Regents

By **ALLISON ROSEWICZ**
Editor-in-Chief

Experience is the key component of two new members on the Missouri Southern Board of Regents.

Missouri Gov. Bob Holden appointed Jane B. Wyman of Alba and Dwight Douglas of Joplin to the Board in order to fill two vacancies.

"We need to have our full contingent of Regents, obviously," said College President Julio León. "With these appointments, we already have an experienced regent and another individual who has been a Board member at another university. So they know what higher education is all about. I'm very pleased with the appointments."

Wyman, 53, is an attorney in Carthage and a past member of Southern's Board. She replaces Loretta Wilcox, whose term expired.

Wyman left the Board in 2001 after being appointed Jasper County Associate Circuit Judge. She is a member of the Jasper County Women's Law Association and is the director of the Jasper County Association for Social Services, Inc.

She received her bachelor's degree from Southern, and earned her law degree from the University of Tulsa. Because she is a Southern graduate, Wyman feels a loyalty to the College.



Dwight Douglas
New Regent



Jane B. Wyman
New Regent

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POUND PITT STATE



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Freshman Chrissie Greninger, right, and her teammates work on a banner in support of the basketball teams during CAB's Pound Pitt State Party Feb. 11.

Assault occurs in intramural game

By **JEFF REID**
Executive Editor

An altercation at an intramural basketball game has left both students and faculty stunned.

Feb. 2 at Young Gymnasium, Tully Lale, sophomore mass communications major, was officiating an intramural basketball game when he called a foul on Steven Trotter, senior criminal justice major, who disputed the call. Lale said he was struck by Trotter.

"Tully made the right call, and I was wrong," Trotter said. "I apologized for

what I did, and I wish I could change what I did."

Trotter was taken into custody by the Joplin Police Department, and Lale was treated for a concussion he received after falling to the floor.

Lale filed a complaint with JPD, but decided against further legal action for a number of reasons.

"I told him (Trotter) that life was too short to hold a grudge," Lale said. "Hopefully, he can take this and learn something positive from it."

However, Trotter did not escape without punishment.

Trotter said he was placed on academic suspension for a year, and after

that time, he must re-apply to return to Missouri Southern. Trotter thought this was too harsh, as he had only two classes left before graduation.

"I spoke with my teachers, and they said that I could finish my classes over the Internet," Trotter said. "But he (Doug Carnahan, dean of students) said that I couldn't. The punishment was too harsh."

While Lale didn't press charges, he still thought that some punishment was warranted.

"If that was the school's policy on dealing with assault cases, then it's

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Institute of International Education recognizes Southern program

By **CRAIG JONES**
Staff Writer

For the third time since its inception, the efforts of the Institute of International Studies have been recognized with an award of national significance.

Presented on Jan. 27 by the Institute of International Education, the second annual Andrew Heiskell Awards for Innovation in International Education recognized 10 U.S. campuses for outstanding international initiatives.

Other institutions recognized included Carnegie Mellon University, Colorado

State University and California State University-San Bernadino.

Southern was awarded honorable mention in the category "Internationalizing the Campus" for its international theme semesters.

"It's a very prestigious award," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of

International Studies. "The spotlight is on Missouri Southern again."

Stebbins said it is the third such award for Southern's efforts to implement the College's international mission.

In October 2000, Southern was selected along with seven other schools by the American Council on Education as a

model for international education programs. Southern was also one of four institutions in the United States to receive a Certificate of Excellence for the 2001 Theodore Hesburgh Award for Faculty Development to Enhance

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY



Cloudy
High: 42
Low: 34

SUNDAY



Cloudy
High: 47
Low: 26

For complete weather, turn to **Page 2**

ONLINE

Log on to www.thechartonline.com to take this week's poll question: Would you pay \$5 to see a rock concert at Missouri Southern?

Senate axes funding limits

By MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

Precedents come and go on the Student Senate finance committee.

To this point, the finance committee wanted to hold to a \$100 per student allocation for organizations requesting funding.

“At this point, the finance committee feels the \$100 principle is no longer needed because we have enough money to take care of any club or organization,” said Andrew McGowan, treasurer.

The question was raised about the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, traveling to Cincinnati, Ohio, during spring break. Six students will be traveling on the trip.

McGowan said he thought the club needed the money to go on the trip.

“It’s a big honor for them to go,” he said.

Two students, Ross Gipson and David Mink, senior English majors, will present original pieces at the conference.

“Any member of Sigma Tau Delta is eligible to enter,” Gipson said. “It’s a great opportunity, out of hundreds and hundreds of submissions, they choose mine.”

The total cost of the trip is \$2,580. STD had \$1,000 in its treasury, raised \$500 last semester and plan to have another fund-raiser this semester.

The Senate voted and allocated \$1,000 to the club.

Casey Highland, senior senator, is chairman of a committee to organize and name an award to recognize a senator for out-

standing leadership.

“The award would be handed out at the spring picnic,” Highland said.

“It’s for a senator who goes above and beyond the call of duty.”

The Senate will be traveling Tuesday and Wednesday to Jefferson City to visit the Capitol and state prison.

Trent Dobrauc, senior senator, is chairman for the liquor committee.

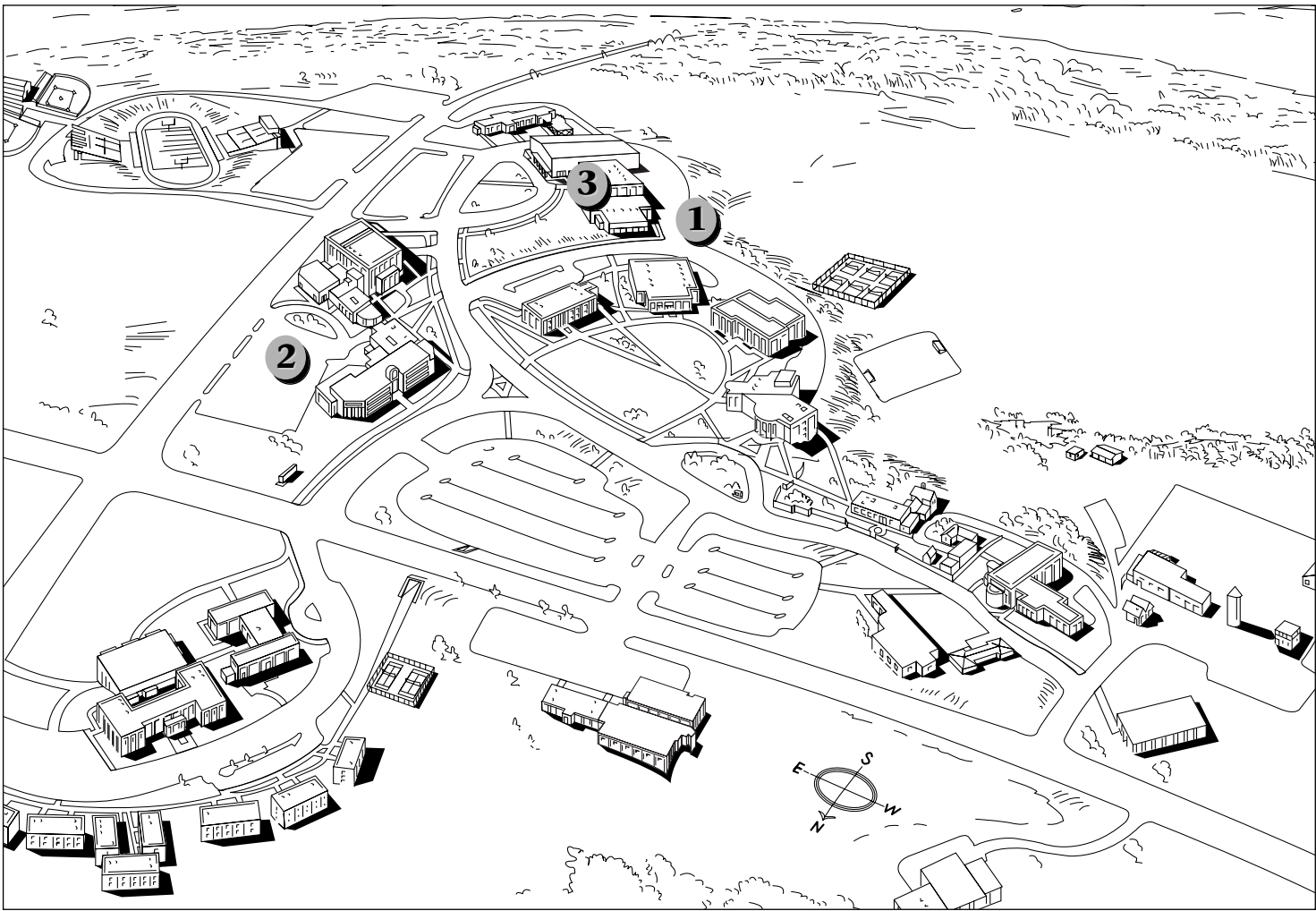
“We’re going to write a blanket resolution,” said Jacob Brower, co-chair. “We will not focus specifically on alcohol. What it will say is that any on-campus rule that any student is expected to abide by, any visitor, faculty member, staff member or administration must also adhere too.”

The committee is looking into Missouri Southern’s policy for alcohol on campus during social functions.

“It’s our opinion that if students are expected to do something, it should apply to everyone,” Brower said. “We do pay tuition, now more than we ever have, and we just feel this is the right thing to do at this time.”

“At this point, the finance committee feels the \$100 principle is no longer needed.”

Andrew McGowan
Student Senate Treasurer



Bag of syringes found in Matthews Hall

1 Theft	2 Found Item
02/12/2003	02/11/2003
8 a.m.	7:51 p.m.

A student reported a theft from his vehicle. He said he parked his car on Lot 25 at about 10:30 p.m., and when he returned at about 8 a.m., he discovered the theft.

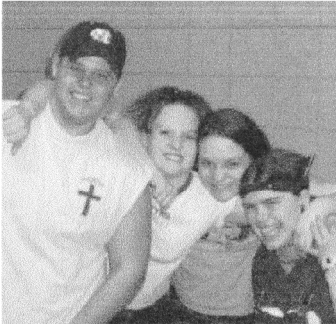
The student said a laptop computer case containing two text books and a binder was taken.

He said his vehicle was not locked.

While changing a trash bag in Matthews Hall, Room 114, a custodian discovered a small, blue, vinyl bag at the bottom of the trash bag.

The custodian checked the vinyl bag and it contained several syringes. He notified security, and the bag was transported to the security office.

The custodian said since the vinyl bag was located at the bottom of the trash bag, it must have been put there the morning before.



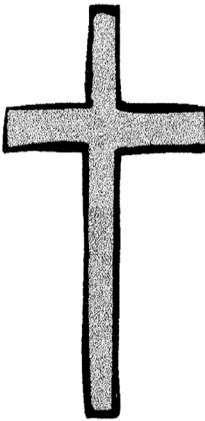
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Joplin's 7-Day Forecast



Friday
Showers
High: 56 Low: 40



Saturday
Cloudy
High: 42 Low: 34



Sunday
Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 26



Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 28



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 29



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 30



Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 32

Weather History

Feb. 13, 1889 - It was the coldest morning of record along the Gulf Coast. The temperature dipped to 7 above zero at New Orleans and Pensacola, Fla. and to -1 degree at Mobile, Alabama. The mercury hit -2 degrees at Tallahassee, the coldest recorded reading for the state of Florida.

Joplin's Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip*
Monday	64	29	45/26	Trace
Tuesday	41	19	46/26	0.00"
Wednesday	47	20	46/26	0.00"
Thursday	38	17	46/26	0.10"
Friday	26	8	47/27	0.00"
Saturday	44	20	47/27	0.00"
Sunday	35	31	47/27	0.14"

Precipitation for the week 0.24"
Normal precipitation for the week 0.49"
Departure from normal for the week ...-0.25"

Precipitation for the year 0.54"
Normal precipitation year to date 2.46"
Departure from normal for the year ...-1.92"
* Precipitation includes snow converted to rainfall

Campus Recreational Forecast



An area of low pressure with an associated cold front will move across the campus to end this week. A 50 to 60 percent chance of showers will be in the forecast along with windy conditions. An upper level area of low pressure will spin in from the north this weekend. Cloudy skies will dominate along with a very slight chance of precipitation. High pressure will take command to start next week, providing partly cloudy skies and this will be your best chance to head outdoors. High temperatures will top out in the 40s to the mid-50s.

Joplin's Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Full	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
2/16	Fri	7:09 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	3:27 p.m.	5:47 a.m.	 New 3/2
	Sat	7:07 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	
	Sun	7:06 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	5:48 p.m.	7:16 a.m.	
	Mon	7:05 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:52 a.m.	
	Tue	7:04 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	8:12 p.m.	8:25 a.m.	
Last 2/23	Wed	7:03 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	9:23 p.m.	8:55 a.m.	 First 3/11
	Thu	7:02 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	10:34 p.m.	9:25 a.m.	

National Weather Summary This Week



An area of low pressure with a trailing cold front will move through the southwestern United States to end this week. This system will provide a good chance of precipitation along with very windy conditions. This system will slide into the southeastern United States as we make our way into this weekend. As this system taps the abundant amounts of moisture in the Gulf of Mexico, a wide area of showers with a few thunderstorms will develop along the Gulf Coast. A strong area of high pressure will be in control of the weather across the northern tier of states as we start next week. Pleasant weather conditions will prevail along with below normal temperatures for this time of year. A cold front will slam into the Pacific Coast states as we begin next week.

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Weather Trivia

Is there weather on any of the other planets in our solar system?

Answer: Yes, giant storms on Jupiter are the most famous.

Tanning Index Today



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

UV Index Scale
0-2: Minimal Exposure
3-4: Low Exposure
5-6: Moderate Exposure
7-9: High Exposure
10+: Very High Exposure

Local Precipitation Log

Month	2003	2002	Normal
Jan	0.30	3.09	1.74
Feb	0.24	0.72	2.12
Mar	-----	2.65	3.10
Apr	-----	4.10	4.10
May	-----	13.60	4.96
Jun	-----	4.71	5.07
Jul	-----	4.87	3.73
Aug	-----	1.14	3.58
Sep	-----	1.64	4.97
Oct	-----	2.30	3.50
Nov	-----	0.56	3.18
Dec	-----	2.10	2.54
Total	0.54	41.48	42.59

All precipitation is in inches



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Eat Em Up!

Club looks to attract women from all walks of life

By **MANDI STEELE**
International Editor

Women who want to build their networking skills might want to try out the Women In Business Club.

The club began in September 2002 and is looking to expand membership. It helps women see what is available to them and lets them meet new people, said Amber Phipps, junior health promotion and wellness major and club president.

“It’s amazing what all is out there,” she said.

Women In Business meets at 12:15 on the last Thursday of every month in

Matthews Hall, Room 213. Speakers frequently attend the meeting and lunch is usually provided.

“The main purpose of the club is just to bring together women from very diverse occupations,” said Connie J. Brewer, faculty sponsor of the club and instructor of business.

She said women who work in businesses around Joplin have visited the meetings to speak and answer questions. One such visitor is Susan Holmes, who started her own business in town, Piller Patch Gifts. Future activities are in the works. Brewer said she would like to plan a “girl’s night out,” a golf tournament and maybe a male masseur visit.

“We’ve got lots of things planned,” she said.

The club is still trying to establish its bylaws and rules so that it will be recognized by the Campus Activities Board and Student Senate. As of now, the club does not charge a membership fee, but Phipps said a small fee will probably be in effect by next semester.

“I just want to encourage people to come in,” Phipps said.

She said anyone who wants to join is welcome.

“This is kind of like a resumé builder,” she said.

By meeting prominent women in the Joplin community and going to job expos,

Phipps said members can work on their networking.

The club provides an opportunity for everyone to grow both professionally and personally, Brewer said.

At the last meeting, Phipps said there were 23 attendees. The women are from a variety of different majors and years in college.

“The more people you have from different backgrounds, the more fun it is,” Brewer said. “We’re just looking for everybody from all different walks of life.”

Those interested in joining or attending the Women In Business Club can contact Brewer at 625-9858 or Phipps at 627-0257.

“The main purpose of the club is just to bring together women from very diverse occupations.”

Connie Brewer
Faculty Sponsor

Winged Lion continues capturing elite awards

Next issue will publish in April

By **NATE BILLINGS**
Staff Writer

Last year’s “Winged Lion,” a joint production by the English and art departments, has recently won four awards.

The magazine has won first place with Special Merit and a special citation for Best College Literary-Art Magazine with Interactive CD from the American Scholastic Press Association. These awards were given out in January.

The other two awards were a first place design award or a gold “Addy” and a judges award for design from the Joplin Area Advertising Federation.

David Noblett, associate professor of art, said last year’s magazine was the first with an interactive CD.

He said the publication is trying to move into the electronic aspects of design.

Noblett said there was a big learning curve between last year’s production and this year’s production, because during the first year they did not know what to expect.

“I’m very proud of the students who’ve put their hard work into it,” Noblett said.

The magazine has won more than 30 awards in 10 years.

“Each year we come out with a totally new concept,” said Nick Kyle, associate professor of art and head of the art department.

The magazine is used by the department for many different things.

“It becomes a good tool for us to recruit for our department,” Kyle said.

Students who work on the magazine also use it as part of their work portfolios.

Teams are formed during November to work on the magazine. Judges select the student artwork that will be in the magazine. A similar process takes place in the English department. The teams start producing the magazine in January. The magazine is finished in March and comes from the printers in April.

“We were here until midnight for several weeks,” said Michael Sutter, senior graphics and communications major, who helped with last year’s magazine.

This year’s magazine will be out this April. The “Winged Lion” is free to everyone.

The art department is also hosting a “Southern Expo,” where there will be a round-table discussion with area designers including a Web designer for Wal-Mart.

The expo will also feature a poster contest for area students.

“To us, it’s a way to get high school students in to see the campus,” Kyle said.

The March 1 expo is open to anyone who wants to come.

Kyle and Noblett encourage anyone interested in any kind of design to attend.

Winged Lion

• Southern’s literary magazine has taken home more than 30 awards in 10 years.

WATCH OUT TIGER WOODS



Jessica Firor/The Chart

Chase Davis, sophomore business major, takes advantage of the warm weather to practice his golf swing.

Network helps find jobs

By **PHILIP RYCHCIK**
Staff Writer

An internship or new job could now be a keyboard stroke away for students at Missouri Southern.

The Southern Job Network is an online resource for students and alumni seeking to post their resumé or review placement opportunities. Patricia Hurley, director of Career Services, recognizes the edge the Internet can provide those seeking an internship or job.

“I think it’s helpful to students at Missouri Southern since they can access the Southern Job Network 24-7 to search for job listings, post their resumé online, and to have the opportunity for on-campus interviews,” she said.

Hurley emphasized the importance of using all search methods, especially the Internet, in the present job market.

“The Internet is a wonderful tool for processing information, and it allows us to send that information to both students and

employers in a time effective way,” she said.

Employment and internship opportunities available on the Southern Job Network are offered by potential employers from across the nation. Local placement opportunities are available as well.

One such example is Arvest Bank in Joplin. Patty Richard, self manager and the senior vice president at Arvest Bank, said many of the interactions the bank has had have been online. Arvest has been involved with career days at Southern and has hired students in the past.

“Recruiting local people and students from Missouri Southern is very important,” Richard said. “We want to support the students from Missouri Southern. We’ve hired students for both part-time and full-time positions, and it’s always been a positive experience.”

The Southern Job Network is readily available at www.mssc.edu/career and can be accessed with an individual’s social security number. Assistance for those trying to log in can be found at Career Services in the Billingsly Student Center.

Discovery Day takes aim at H.S. students

By **NATE BILLINGS**
Staff Writer

Discovery Day, a day designed for high school students to learn about Missouri Southern, was held Feb. 10.

The event began with College President Julio León speaking to the potential Southern students. Next, Philip Cross, junior mass communications major, spoke.

After the welcoming speeches and a discussion about admission and financial aid, the students were taken on a tour of the campus. The tour is paced out to last an hour.

“The students will get a better understanding of what we have to offer,” said Mark Lloyd, admission counselor.

Lloyd said the high schools were informed about the event through the mail, College tours, College representatives and the Internet.

Some 40 area high school students attended the event.

“We typically get about that

many,” Lloyd said.

After the tour, students were allowed to go to three of four sessions discussing certain aspects of college life. The sessions involved campus living, campus activities, the freshman year and career planning.

Kami Mitchell, senior at Carl Junction High School, said she came to the event to learn more about the campus and its opportunities.

Her friends had other reasons for coming.

“I wanted to come to learn more about the extra curricular activities,” said Tabatha Jacobs, Carl Junction senior. “I like the opportunities they have to go to different countries.”

James Baldwin and Eric Valentine, seniors at Lamar High School, said



Dr. Julio León
College President

they planned on going to Southern and wanted to explore the campus more thoroughly.

The student ambassadors who guided the tours also enjoyed the day.

“I love Missouri Southern, and I like to hand down my knowledge to others,” said Mandy Witt, junior accounting and business education major.

She has been an ambassador since her freshman year. Witt said she enjoys giving the tours because she can explain certain aspects to the students that she was not aware of before coming to Southern. Witt said over the years, she has made friends with many students she has led on tours through the campus.

Any student who wants to be a Southern Ambassador may see Cameo Harrington, admissions counselor, in the admissions office.

“We’re always looking for excited people,” Harrington said.

Students may also e-mail her at harrington-c@mail.mssc.edu, or by calling 625-9364.

REGENTS:

From Page 1

Wyman feels a loyalty to the College.

“I have a commitment to serve the school in any way I can,” she said.

Normally, people interested in becoming a Regent at any Missouri college or university must submit a resumé and letter to the governor’s office. Then they must go through an interview process. But because Wyman had been on the Board before, the governor’s office already had her resumé and letter. She said an anonymous person recommended her for the position.

“I was happy to go back on the Board,” Wyman said.

Douglas, 59, is an attorney at Douglas and Douglas Law Firm in Neosho. He serves as corporate counsel for Freeman Neosho Hospital. He has also served on the Missouri Safe Drinking Water Commission.

Douglas served on the Southwest Missouri State Board of Regents from 1981-1987. He also spent 10 years as a leader for the Crowder College Foundation.

Douglas was appointed to Southern’s Board after a recommendation from State Sen. Gary Nodler. Douglas has known Nodler for years.

“I told him I would be happy to serve if Gov. Holden made the appointment,” Douglas said. He looks at this new appointment as another opportunity to help higher education.

Wyman and Douglas have been officially appointed by Holden, but they must still

receive Senate confirmation. León said that should occur soon when the appointment committee for boards and commissions meets.

“I don’t anticipate any problems with that,” Douglas said. “But it will take a couple more weeks.”

León said the experience Wyman and Douglas bring will help the College.

“We have some serious issues to deal with,” León said. “These are difficult times. We need people who are well-versed with the situation in higher education.

They have gone through this before. That’s going to be valuable for all of us.”

Both Wyman and Douglas said helping Southern through the state budget crisis will be their biggest challenge.

“The challenge will be how we cut costs and still provide quality education,” Douglas said.

Douglas also said he wants a master’s degree program along with a name change implemented at the College.

He also wants better cooperation between Crowder College and Southern in coordinating associate degrees.

Wyman said she wants to “make sure the College is funded as fully as it can be by the state.” She also seeks better communication between Southern and the legislature in Jefferson City.

“Obviously, right now we’re all concerned about the budget situation,” León said. “But we’re also looking at some exciting things such as the name change. So we hope that we can be successful in that regard.”

Editor’s Column

Women’s issues need immediate attention

I went to see *The Vagina Monologues* over the weekend, and have to admit, I went with mixed emotions. I had heard about the monologues and was familiar with some narratives in the production but was unsure of whether or not it would be a collection of man-bashing rants and sappy sentimental soap-opera like spiels. I was impressed. All I can really say is, it’s about time.



Michelle Conty
Associate Editor

About time someone tried to do something about the issues women have to confront on a regular basis. Before I get on a rant here, let me clarify, I am not a femi-nazi. I don’t have issues with men, many, if not most, of my close friends are men. And, if it matters, I am straight. But I am tired of women’s issues not being addressed and wondering when something is going to be done. We have come a long way. My mother wanted to be an architect. However, women were not allowed to enter that field at the time. Working for A.C. Nielson in Chicago in the 1960s, she had to train men to be her supervisors because women were not allowed to hold supervisor positions. Even now, women don’t make dollar for dollar on what men make.

The atrocities of the 20,000-70,000 women held, tortured and raped in Bosnian concentration camps sat in the pit of my stomach for days. I was disgusted not only at such a reprehensible crime but that not enough is being done to stop it. A Bosnian woman interviewed for the monologues spoke of having a rifle shoved inside of her, being raped repeatedly and assaulted with foreign objects. She told of hearing the skin tear and a piece of her vagina coming off in her hand.

I’m sorry gentlemen, I love you, but if men were the ones being raped and had foreign objects shoved inside of them, this type of thing would stop.

Here in the United States, more than 500,000 women were raped in 2001.

Female genital mutilation is inflicted on two million girls a year, mostly in Africa. These girls can expect to have their clitoris cut or removed altogether. In a man, it would be the equivalent of amputating most or all of the penis.

The clitoris has the highest concentration of nerve fibers in the human body, twice the number as in the penis.

I would like to challenge the men who are worth their salt to do something about how women are treated. It amazes me that the good guys out there have friends who beat their wives and that so many women and children are assaulted.

Men shame each other over far less important things.



Mutual respect, fun essential

In the past, when each intramural sport season began, a feeling of cheer seemed to spread across the campus.

Friends formed teams. They became excited about the opportunity to have fun while playing a sport.

Unfortunately, that fun reputation may have been tarnished Feb. 3 when a fight occurred during an intramural basketball game.

A student referee called a technical foul against a player, which angered the player, and he began to yell. As a result, the referee ejected him from the game.

The player approached the referee

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from behind, knocking him to the ground.

The Joplin Police Department was contacted, and the player was arrested and taken from the scene.

This incident is disappointing in itself, but the worst part is, the player who committed the violent act, is a former athlete at the College. As an athlete, the assailant should know the rules of conduct in such games.

The referee, on the other hand, should be commended for not fighting back. Retaliation would only have

made the situation worse.

Since childhood, we’ve been taught that if the game isn’t fun, it’s not worth playing. How much fun can someone have during an intramural competition if he or she is afraid of being attacked?

Sportsmanship should be practiced during intramurals. Players should have mutual respect for each other, and most of all, they should just have fun.

This time around, however, instead of practicing sportsmanship, that principle was violated.

Will intramurals ever be the same again at Southern?

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Campus Voice

What is your definition of sportsmanship?



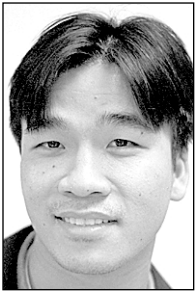
“Sportsmanship is giving everyone your respect, the game, athletes, coaches and the referees, whether you agree or not. You’re setting an example to upcoming young athletes with what you do, so make it good.”

Nancy Janssen
Junior
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“Sportsmanship can either be bad or good. Good sportsmanship is being a team player and caring for your team and your opponents.”

Anh-Dien Nguyen
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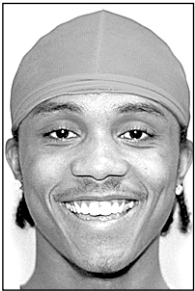
“To me, win or lose is not a big deal or matter, but you have to know where you’re at.”

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“When someone can win or lose and still act in a respectable manner toward their opponent.”

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“Sportsmanship is when an athlete not only pursues excellence for himself, but for his fellow athletes, and helps other athletes achieve their goal.”

Chris Turner
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Letters

The Laramie Project

Excuse me, but my thing right now is looking out for people using media to “validate themselves.”

Did your student editor attend *The Laramie Project* as a reluctant, but dutiful, servant? I’m not sure what comprises a “cheesy performance,” but my guess is that Matthew Shepard never spent much time bored, rolling his eyes, during his last few hours.

If, underneath his resigned, patient, maturation process, the editor really considers himself a grounded aviator pecking around with turkeys in a Tank-town Hell, he might want to reconsider his condition.

Bill Hawkins
Joplin, Mo.

Plan hinges on crucial variable

The Franco-German “Mirage” plan, for the disarmament of Iraq, recently made public in the German magazine *Der Spiegel*, calls for an occupying force of some 10,000 or more U.N. troops and 2000 additional inspectors whose mandate would be to ensure the peace, as the U.N. assumes “total control” of the country for a number of years, during which it would itself oversee the destruction of all chemical-biological-nuclear weapons in Iraqi possession.

On paper this appears to be a bold plan for averting a war. But unfortunately the implementation of the Mirage plan hinges on a crucial variable: Would Saddam Hussein allow an occupying army into his country without a fight?

What evidence do the Germans and French have that Hussein is prepared to magnanimously hand over the reigns of power to the world community and except some form of exile?

And yet, there is some historical precedent behind the Mirage plan.

After all, it should be noted that Jean “Baby Doc”

Duvalier, former dictator of Haiti, and Edi Amin of Uganda both excepted exile and lives of comfort in Europe.

But there are at least a couple of reasons to believe that this is not likely to happen.

First, it should be noted that Iraq has a far larger and better developed military capability than either Haiti or Uganda. Second, Saddam is in possession of large stores of chemical and biological weapons.

Nobody disputes this fact.

In the end, it seems that the Mirage plan is nothing more than an attempt on the part of the European powers to have their cake and eat it too.

History has made it painfully clear that “peace at any cost,” while a respectable notion, is not always practical one.

At some point, over the objections of the masses, the unpopular war must be fought; lives must be sacrificed, so that lives might be saved.

I fear that if we fail to take decisive and overwhelming action now, we may wake one day to

“Would Saddam Hussein allow an occupying army into his country without a fight?”

Adam Taylor
Junior, German Major

find, as the Secretary of Defense put it, “the smoking gun, in the form of a mushroom cloud.”

Adam Taylor
Junior German Major

Threat of war emphasizes travel policies

By **MISSY MORGAN**
Staff Writer

College, once seen as a way to dodge the draft, is now being faced with a war threat that hits closer to home.

Thousands of miles from the potential front line, the possibility of a war with Iraq could directly affect Missouri Southern's student study abroad programs.

Southern will be sending more than 200 students abroad this year through the Bilateral and International Student Exchange Programs and the Institute of International Studies.

There are four trips planned over spring break, two to Paris, one to Italy and Greece, and one to Vancouver. There are also four trips scheduled during the intersession period to Costa Rica, Russia, Italy and China. Also, another four summer trips are planned for Costa Rica, India, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Southern's policy regarding international trips is specific in stating when it will and will not send students to study abroad in a hostile environment.

"When considering a study abroad program, the institution puts the safety of all involved first," states the international trip policy passed by the College in 2001.

"Faculty group leaders and others traveling abroad should keep abreast of the Overseas Security Council for travel warnings, country crime reports, electronic updates on new or unusual situations overseas, and the locations and key contacts at U.S. embassies or consulates. Travel is not allowed to areas where a travel advisory is in effect."

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies and associate professor of communications, said a travel advisory is usually the only way a trip would be canceled.

"If there is not a travel advisory out, you have to assume that it's fairly safe for U.S. citizens to go there," he said.

The reality of any of the upcoming trips being canceled is unlikely.

At this time, no trips are scheduled for the Middle East region, but how close to the front line is too close?

"It depends upon how close the country is to the fighting," Stebbins said.

"Obviously Costa Rica is going to be

fine. Vancouver, no problem. But what about India? India is a little closer than these other countries. Paris would be safe, but it would be a lot closer to Iraq than we are here in the U.S."

Stephanie Goad, international student adviser and exchange coordinator, deals with the ISEP applicants, but is not sure of its policy regarding traveling during a time of war.

"We act as the middle man in ISEP transfers, so once the student leaves, they are in ISEP's hands," Goad said.

ISEP's Web site did not contain a policy regarding international travel during war, but advised students to monitor the U.S. Department of State Web site and keep in touch with embassies in case of major civil or international unrest.

Southern's Bilateral exchange program offers more flexibility in this type of situation.

If for some reason a trip is declared unsafe, travel plans are simply rescheduled for another semester.

Several students are currently studying abroad through these programs in Spain, Japan and France.

Several more are applying to programs in Chile, Sweden, China and



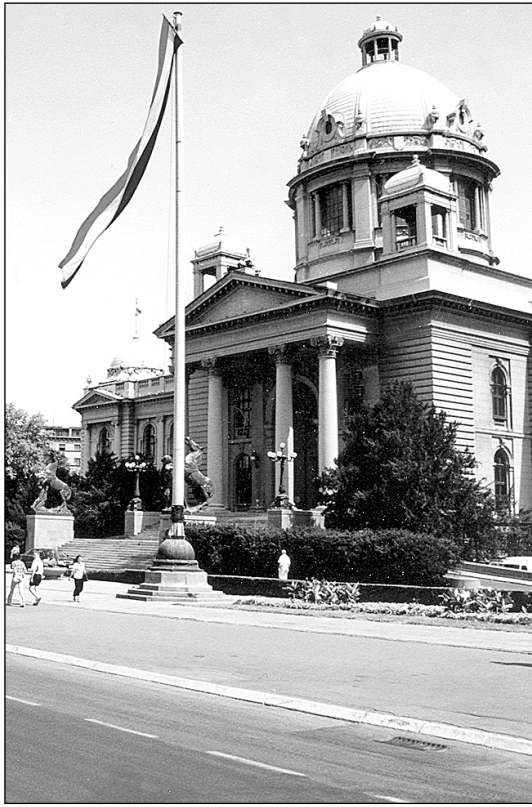
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Joplin airport has seen students come and go as they travel around the United States and to other countries. Student travel shouldn't be affected by a possible war, but faculty will still be mindful of travel conditions.

the United Kingdom for the fall 2003 semester.

Goad agreed with Stebbins that the locations of the trips would probably not pose a threat to any of the College's programs.

"I definitely see the concern the students might have, especially if they've never traveled, but at this point, I don't really see that it's going to affect travel to those particular countries," she said.



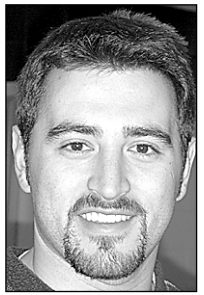
Special to The Chart

At the Serbian and Montenegro Parliament, senators discuss the future of Yugoslavia.

Political controversy abounds in Yugoslavia

Like any other management, the "newly formed" government of Serbia and Montenegro has its pros and cons that dictate image or perception of its success. Many facts are revealed, other information assumed, while mysteries are left to be spoken among common people. What is right, nobody can say. However, many self-authorized are speaking with pride on what should and ought to be done.

Leftovers of the old government still have a tremendous impact on happenings and important moves of the new one. It is very clear that the break from the previous form of government is not as clear-cut as it appears. New policies are a mirror image of those that people of Yugoslavia were so strongly trying to break a part from. Many members of the former political party in power, SPS, after the fifth of October Revolution, left the party and found their homes in the newly-formed government. It is a common



Kosta Savic
Contributing Writer

belief that they continued making self-interest policies, just calling them a different name, or as some people call it, "same thing, different package." But how could anyone predict differently? The real interest of people is neglected, while a series of political scandals are revealed as entertainment. Political opponents are familiar with each other, even though they never publicly admitted their cooperation and agreements on each other's ways of conduct. President Kostunica always protected Milosevic's Gen. Pavkovic, publicly, although he was unwanted, in the newly-formed government without anyone's clear knowledge of reasons.

The former government had a strong control over national security and information available for press. On the other hand, the newly formed government finds revealing and releasing secret files to non-governmental organizations and the press as a good strategic move. This situation creates political chaos where former leaders are critiqued while being leaders of the new system. In such formed confusion, some of the owners of publishing companies paid their price of free speech with their own lives. Of course, none of

these murders are solved, even though newly formed government is promising revealing of information. At the same, the press is practicing their freedom of speech with hatred toward the government when their primary purpose is communication of the present situation in a country. It is seems pointless talking about tolerance when the language of communication is violence.

Once the united new government got hold of the office, they were faced with rotten systems of the previous regime. The starting point was break-away from the system whose goals were inhuman and methods demolishing. Revenge was neither the answer or a solution. With the coming of the democratic government, leaders of the previous regime extensively reused freedom of speech. It was ironic to see that former leaders of Milosevic's regime and their destructive ideology stood up against their own shameful titles. However, they were calling for law and justice, while at the same time asking for reimbursements for damages made on humanity as the results of their own policies decisions. This picture of paradox is something that was inhuman, and it was hard for people to conceive and forget.

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Dating moves from movies to computer room

By **JOSH RAY**
Diversions Editor

People are starting to take the act of dating from the bedroom and the movies to the computer room.

Where as many people used to have to meet someone face-to-face to begin dating, Internet dating is taking away that requirement. The Internet is bristling with Web sites offering free ways to meet other singles all over the country with similar interests to another person. These Web sites are offering fast and easy ways to find that someone special in another's life.

Preference Video Introductions of Joplin mainly hooks couples up through actual videos and in-office visits, but it does have its own Web site for members.

"The Web site is a convenience for people who can't come in," said David Ott, manager of the dating service.

He said members of the agency can go to the Web site, log in and meet other singles without actually leaving their home or coming into the office. He said it gives a "faster response" to members.

Erin McCabe, freshman pre-medicine major, said she used Internet chat rooms to meet people. She said it was a way to "be yourself and meet open-minded people."

"It's an easier way to find people who share the same interest as you," McCabe said.

She has had both good and bad experiences with

online dating. One bad thing she found about dating someone over the Internet was the distance and lack of the physical aspect in a relationship.

"It's hard to have a relationship where you can't even hug them, or when you're upset, there's no shoulder to cry on," McCabe said. "It just requires patience, trust, dedication and honesty."

On the other hand, she found it good that a person would never have to worry about just being a warm body.

"You know that you can carry on a conversation with this person and know that it's not based upon just the physical aspect," she said.

McCabe met her fiancé through online dating.

Dr. Jerry Williams, director of Lifelong Learning, also had a positive experience with meeting people online. After his wife died years ago, Williams went to WidowNet Friends for grief support. The Web site was designed for widows and widowers.

It was through this Web site that he met his wife, whom he is still married to.

Williams found the Internet "beneficial" for his grief and a "delightful experience" for helping him to meet people. He described meeting someone online as being the same thing as meeting them in the mall or elsewhere.

"Some meetings work out, and some don't," Williams said.

He said Internet dating is good because it is a better way for a person to get to know things about someone's character, values and personality.

"It is a chance to get to know a person before actually meeting them," he said.

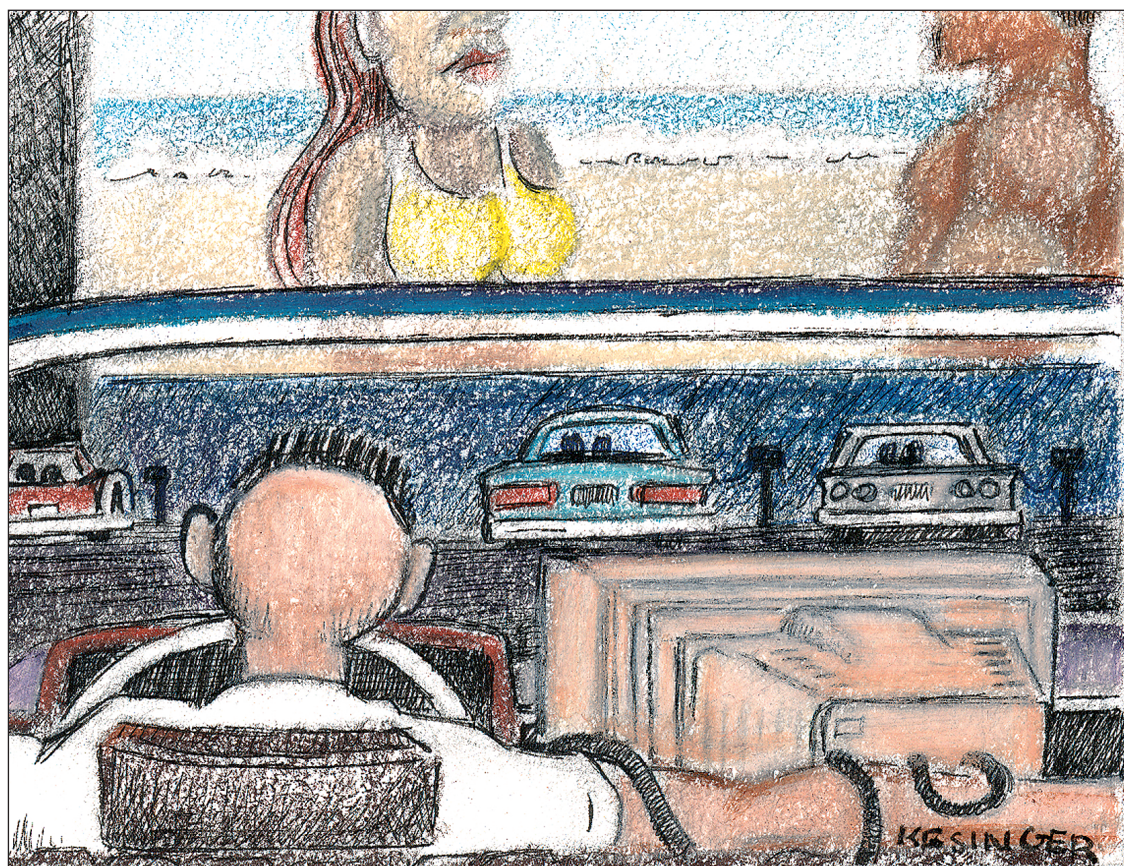


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Williams has known of several people who have met through online dating and then married. In his experience, he sees students seem to meet people who are in Joplin online rather than

branching out to other areas.

Ott said Preference Video Introductions' Web site averages about 175 hits a day, but it has received as many as 499 hits on one day.



Dr. Joy Dworkin plays in Kufara Marimba during the Langston Hughes birthday celebration.

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Celebration honors poet with musicians, speakers

By **JESSICA RAGAN**
Staff Writer

On Feb. 7, Langston Hughes' birthday celebration took place in Webster Hall Auditorium.

The program was in celebration of Langston Hughes, a famed poet, essayist and political activist.

The night began with Kufara performing three selections reflective of native Zimbabwe. Kufara is a local band made up completely of marimba and percussion instruments.

After a brief introduction, invocation and welcome, Kufara was introduced again.

For Joe Rossi and Tyler Williams, eighth graders from Memorial Middle School, Kufara was the "best" part of the program.

"It really captured my attention," Williams said.

"Kufara was intriguing," Rossi said.

Memorial Middle and Emerson Elementary School students then went to the stage to read selections of Langston Hughes' poetry. In all, there were eight performances. The people who read after the middle school students were Alonzo Toney; Michael Rodgers, assistant professor of English; Willie Rogers; and Dr. Cliff Toliver, assistant professor of English.

Once again, Kufara was invited to the front to perform.

After Kufara finished its selection, Dr. Emily Bernard was invited to speak.

Bernard has a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University and is a professor at the University of Vermont. Bernard wrote and published a book, *Langston Hughes: Fabulous in Friendship*, about Hughes and his friendship with Carl Van Vechten. She was invited to speak at Missouri Southern's 11th annual celebration because of her "fascination" with Hughes.

Bernard said her interest in Hughes was instilled in her when she was a child. Her parents "reared" her on Hughes' poetry, essays and lifestyle. Hughes became an object of research when she enrolled in Yale and continued to be an interest throughout her life.

Bernard spoke on Hughes' life and works. Mainly, she outlined his love interests, friendships and enemies.

"As always, it was a great celebration of Langston Hughes," said Dr. Patricia Murphy, assistant professor of English. "I think Dr. Bernard did a fabulous job."

Audri Manary, junior biology and Spanish major, agreed with Murphy.

"The music was energetic and the readings were very powerful," Manary said. "I really liked the program."

The celebration was presented by the Joplin Chamber of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Southern English department.



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Langston Hughes' birthday was celebrated Feb. 7 in Webster Hall Auditorium. Read the story for information on the event.

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Play offers insight into psyche of women

Rather than absurdism and unrealistic humor, *The Vagina Monologues* was a well-written, well-acted window into the woman's psyche. In two 40-minute acts, actresses in unobtrusive dress on a minimalist set addressed the audience on women's issues, thoughts, fears, triumphs and in some cases, nightmares.

"I thought it was an accurate representation of women and what we go through," said Jan Maldonado, senior theatre major and part-time student house manager.

Maldonado said she performed in the monologues for women who are in bad relationships.

"This whole thing was done because of the violence, we want the violence to stop," she said.

The Vagina Monologues consist of a series of narratives about women's issues and violence against women, based on interviews with women worldwide and of varying ages and backgrounds — ranging from a Bosnian woman's story of the atrocities of rape camps to a teen-ager's memories of sexual abuse. The seriousness of the narratives was light-

ened by humorous but provocative vignettes about the rite of passage of menstruation to memories of first orgasms. Monologues ranged from narratives to emotional stories — some a plea, some a rant.

"It was a good cause, I like what it stood for, what the play actually spoke about," said Kris Stoker, senior theatre major. "What it said is something everybody should be aware of. It's a good thing for guys to see. It's not equal rights. It's anti-violence and anti-abuse."

"I like to entertain people for a reason," said Sunni Stumpff, senior theatre major. "The money raised went to a benefit, and it is such an amazing cause."

"It's nice to get a perspective on women and how they think and see things; you rarely get insight on women's thoughts and the things people really try to hide," said Bill Dessenberger, freshman

CIS major. "It's a unique kind of performance, it's acting, but it's not. I really liked it. You get a positive feeling; it's empowering for guys too."

The Vagina Monologues was a benefit production, performed in observance of V-Day, Until the Violence Stops.

V-Day is a global movement to stop violence, including rape, battery and incest against women and girls. V-Day promotes events to increase awareness about violence and to raise funding for grassroots organizations and programs that provide prevention services and direct aid to victims.

"It's a good evening of theatre and an eye-opening experience," Stoker said. "I heard some statistics in the play and think people should hear them, and think what kind of a place do we live in where this kind of stuff goes on. It made me think what

can I do to keep it from happening, aside from the fact of not being the kind of person who does those sort of things."

Proceeds benefited the Women's Consumer Outreach Council. The Council's mission is to assist women and their children seeking help for domestic violence, sexual assault, mental illness and substance abuse by providing empowering, compassionate services.

"I was disappointed that none of the faculty with the exception of Dr. Fields and Dr. Kumbier came to the performance," Stumpff said.

The Vagina Monologues was written by Eve Ensler, V-Day founder, has been performed at such venues as Madison Square Garden, and has starred Oprah Winfrey, Glenn Close and Calista Flockhart.

The cast of the local production included Missouri Southern students, alumnae and area professional women. It was directed by Tegan Whited, Southern theatre alumna.

Whited is active with Joplin Little Theatre. Copyrights were waived for the scripts. Fliers and programs were paid for by donations.

In Review



MICHELLE CONTY
Associate Editor

Prairie Fire takes over show

By PHILIP RYCHCIK
Staff Writer

Prairie Fire has engulfed the Spiva Center for the Arts located at 222 W. Third in downtown Joplin.

The collection of ceramic sculpture created by Keith Ekstram, Elaine Henry, Kevin Hughes, Jeff Johnson, Howard Koerth, Malcom Kucharski, Lisa Lockman and Marcia Polenberg was grouped together under the title "Prairie Fire."

As residents of the Midwest, the word "Prairie" seemed a natural fit, as did "fire," which is an element of the creation process in ceramics. Darlene Brown, director of the art center, described the unique qualities of the collection as evolutionary to the medium.

"Most people think of ceramics as functional pottery," she said, "but to these professors, their work is more sculptural."

Functional pottery, such as bowls and pots, will also be on display at the art center in the near future. A series of traditional clay exhibits will be featured, and the center will offer classes in ceramics.

Brown encourages anyone who may be interested to check local newspapers for further

information. Offering the opportunity to take a class in art or admire the exhibits is the essence of the art center's mission.

"Our mission is to provide art experiences to the community through presentations and educational experiences, we bring in work from a regional and national perspective," said Brown. "We do this to show people locally what's being done in our region and on a broader scale."

Lara Blankenship, a junior art education major, works as a receptionist at the art center. She has found the opportunity to work around displays from other artists to be enlightening and was especially interested in "Prairie Fire."

"I think that the variety is really great," Blankenship said. "None of the artists' pieces are alike at all; some are organic and natural looking, some are more geometric and harsh, while others are abstracted."

The art center, Blankenship said, is a valuable resource to the community and a place of reflection for art students in particular.

"I think it's a nice quiet place to view some art and to get away," she said.

The "Prairie Fire" collection will be on display until Feb. 23. Exhibitions usually last a period of six weeks.



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Joplin's Spiva Center for the Arts is hosting the Prairie Fire art show. The show runs through Feb. 23 and is at 222 W. Third St.

Blackford shoots down concert proposal

By JEFF REID
Executive Editor

The All American Rejects lived up to their name at Monday's Campus Activities Board meeting.

An event proposed by concert chairperson Matt Hite, which would have brought All American Rejects, So Far Gone and The Sound and the Fury, was approved unanimously by the 17 people in attendance, but amid concerns from Julie Blackford, director of student activities, the idea was postponed and finally canceled.

"I'm just worried that an event like this won't appeal to many students," Blackford said.

Many factors contributed to the dropping of the idea, including cost, which was around \$3,500, along with booking difficulties and the availability of Taylor Auditorium.

In other business, the Wesley Foundation

approached the CAB for money to help with a concert and coffee house night slated for March 7.

Representatives from the Wesley Foundation had collected more than 100 signatures from students who were in favor of or would attend



the event. However, the problem of location came up again.

"I'm hesitant to spend the money for an off-campus event," Blackford said. "I don't want to set the precedent of spending student money off campus."

Hite also stated that before seeing CAB spend

money on the event, he would like to at least hear some of the music.

Three separate events have been confirmed for the upcoming semester, and a new movie projector was ordered so the Board can sponsor more movie nights.

A comedian was decided upon for the Safe Spring Break Bash on March 4. Billy Burr was selected. The comedian has made appearances on the "Tonight Show," "Late Show with David Letterman," and "Late Night With Conan O'Brien." He will also be featured Friday on a Comedy Central special.

For March 5, Malik from "The Real World," MTV's reality series, will be coming to speak on diversity and his experiences on the show.

The existence of God debate has been confirmed for April 21.

The next CAB meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in the Billingsly Student Center second floor lounge. The meeting is open to all students.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Josh Ray at 625-9311.



Daredevil

14 Daredevil and The Jungle Book 2 open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

The deadline for love bingo is @ 11 a.m.

Prize will be given away and the Wacky Relationship Game will be @ noon.

Southern Impact will be having a Valentine's Day Party @ 9 p.m. in the Student Life Center.

15 Lions and Lady Lions basketball play @ Emporia State. Ladies play at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

17 Lions basketball play @ 7 p.m. at home vs. Messenger.

CAB meets, as always, @ 2 p.m. on the second floor of Billingsly.

19 It's time for Senior Assessment Day! No day classes, but night classes are still in session. Ha!

Lions and Lady Lions basketball play @ Missouri Western. Ladies play at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

20 Koinonia will be having a free lunch @ noon in Anderson Justice Center.

The music department will be having Music Scholarsip Audition Day all day in Webster Auditorium.

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS:

Kitchen Pass: Friday: Shaking Tree 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: Oreo Blue 9:30 p.m.

The Green Room: Friday: One Track Mind 10 p.m.
Saturday: Ultra Fix 10 p.m.

Fusion: Friday: The Unexpected 8 p.m.
Happy Hour 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: Rich Roberts 6:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Champs Pub: Friday: Adam Giebler 9:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 5 - 7 p.m.
Saturday: Something Jones 9:30 p.m.

Useless Information

By definition, Christianity is a cult. (so yeah, just keep on declaring how all cultists are going to burn in hell)

From around 1520 to 1630, there were in excess of 30,000 cases involving werewolves in France.

In Frederick's, Hollywood, the average bra size was 34B. Now it's around 36C. (hoorah... bigger is better, right?)

At Andrew Jackson's funeral in 1845, his pet parrot had to be removed due to it's swearing. (what a cool pet)

A lightning bolt reaches about 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. (burn, baby, burn)

Michael Sylvester Stallone dropped his birth-given first name before becoming a famous movie star. (and he still sucks at acting)

It's estimated that at any one time, around 0.7 percent of the world's population is drunk. (that's about 439,203 people)

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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Director reminds students for safety

Bob Harrington, physical plant director, said students need to remember to push the pedestrian button when crossing Newman Road. MoDOT activated the traffic signals Feb. 10, but said students continue to cross without pushing the button, creating a more dangerous situation. Students should wait for the "walk" signal before crossing the road. "Last spring they [students] asked us to make the intersection more safe, and we have gone to a great deal of expense and effort to do so, but we need their cooperation now to truly make it a safer intersection," Harrington said.

Financial Aid Office makes rule changes

The Financial Aid Office has new rules that have gone into immediate effect. In order to receive correspondence for aid, students must have a pin number; have an e-mail address on file; have a nine-digit student ID number; and if a dependent, at least one parent must have a pin number. Those with questions may contact the financial aid office at 625-9325 or Finaid@mail.mssc.edu.

Southern accepting therapist applications

Individuals interested in a career as a respiratory therapist have until May 1 to apply for the associate degree program starting in August at Missouri Southern. The respiratory therapist is a cardiopulmonary specialist and is in great demand. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a need for 42.6 percent more respiratory therapists through 2008. For information, contact Glenda Pippin at 659-4405 or pippin-g@mail.mssc.edu.

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Undergraduate Teaching and Learning. "It's a confirmation that what we're doing in the area of international education is valuable, that it's right for our students," said College President Julio León. "In the area of international education, Missouri Southern is becoming a leader in the country." He said program innovation and implementation is easier on a small campus like Southern's. "Everybody seems to get into the act and tries to find ways in which they can adapt their programs or activities," León said. "It contributes to this idea of 'pervasiveness.' When everybody in the boat is rowing in the same direction, the boat moves faster and with purpose."

Stebbins said the events of the theme semesters are designed to expose students, faculty and the community to diverse elements of unfamiliar cultures. "We hope that people have a natural curiosity to learn about these other cultures that they can't experience firsthand in Southwest Missouri," Stebbins said. "One of the main reasons behind the theme semesters is that we realize that not all of our students are going to be able to travel abroad. We try to bring the world to them through the theme semester." The program began in the fall of 1997 with the China Semester. Subsequent emphases of the following theme semesters included Africa, Latin America, Japan and India. The Institute of International Studies recently announced the fall 2003 semester will be designated the Cuba Semester.

ASSAULT:

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fine with me," Dale said. Darren Fullerton, director of intramural sports, said this was an isolated event. "I was at the event when it happened, and I was shocked," Fullerton said. "I've been in charge of this for three years, and this is the first time anything like this has ever happened. "And I don't know of anything like this ever happening in the past." Fullerton held extra meetings with the team captains this week and stepped up the rules with officials to help avoid a repeat incident of this nature. "We just tried to stress to everyone that intramurals are not professional sports," he said.

"They are for fun, and it's for the students." Trotter is a former Southern football player. Current school policy states athletes may participate in intramurals, as long as it's not the sport they play for the College. Carnahan and Fullerton both agree there is no need to change the policy. "I think it's fine as long as they are not playing their normal sport," Carnahan said. Fullerton said there would be no change from their end. "Athletes out of season are treated just like regular students," he said. Bill Cooke, head football coach, was not aware of the situation and had no comment regarding the incident. "Everyone is capable of letting their emotions get away," Tully said. "You just have to stop things like that from happening."

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University status makes strides

By VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

The Missouri Southern name change is a hop, skip and jump away from becoming reality.

The name change bill has sidestepped two more obstacles on its journey to becoming law. Senate Bill 55, sponsored by Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) and House Bill 173 sponsored by Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Joplin). have both been moved to the floor of their respective chambers.

The bill must pass through both the House and the Senate before it can go to the governor's desk to be signed into law or vetoed.

On the Senate side, the name change bill has been placed ninth on the formal calendar. Nodler said it's hard to tell the

actual day the bill will be debated on the floor, but he suspects it will hit in the next two weeks.

"We've had a pattern of extended debate on every bill that's hit the floor," he said. "I'm confident we have the votes to pass it. The question is whether we can get it past this debate mechanism that's out there."

Nodler said some of the main people he believes are involved in the debate want the tobacco securitization bill "brought forward with some



Gary Nodler
Senator

urgency." That bill is expected to follow the name changes.

Having such an urgent bill following the name change, Nodler said, might work to Southern's advantage and serve as a "disincentive for them to do the delaying tactic."

"The timing could work for us," he said.

Also included in Senate Bill 55 is the alteration of the residency for the College's Board of Regents.

"The residency territory right now is too restrictive," Nodler said. "It's the old Jasper County Junior College district."

He said having such a narrow area to attain regents is a disadvantage to people in surrounding areas who are also involved in the College.

"It denies the College the opportunity to have some outstanding regents from other areas," Nodler said. "For those

communities to not be able to participate in the governance of the school is not right."

Members of the Board of Regents are appointed by the governor with the consent of the area's senator.

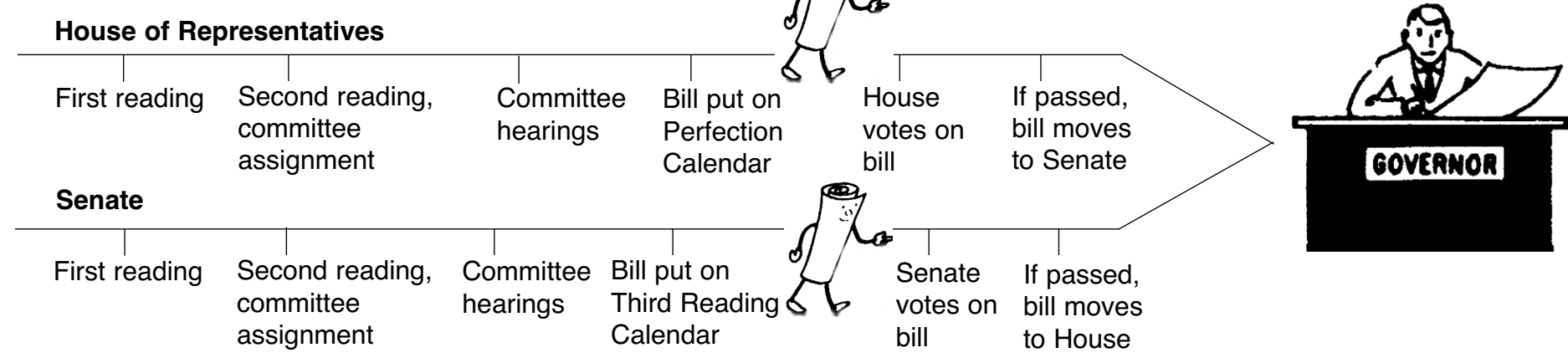
On the House side, Stevenson said he's unsure of the specific day his bill to change Southern's name will hit the floor. He is expecting it next week.

"There's a lot of issues coming up that are going to take a lot of time, so I'm not really sure when that bill will come up on the floor," he said.

His confidence the bill will pass through the House has only strengthened with the news of the Senate committee approval.

"I have a very good feel that this year is the year to make it happen," Stevenson said.

How a bill becomes law in Missouri



Governor names new regent, giving Board student insight

By VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Attaining the position of student representative on the Missouri Southern Board of Regents wasn't on her list of things to do.

Stacey Allen, junior elementary education major, said she wasn't even aware such a position existed until Doug Carnahan, dean of students, brought her up to speed.

He asked her if she was interested in applying for the role, and Allen, who is also secretary of the Student Senate, decided go for it.

Three students are nominated by the Student Senate to apply for the position. This particular vacancy was difficult to fill because of the lacking interest on the students' behalf.

"I was interested because I am involved with Senate, and this was a way to get more involved," she said.

After filling out an application, Allen was interviewed via telephone by Gov. Bob Holden's assistant.

"It (the interview) was kind of quick," she said.

"I was surprised it wasn't more formal. I just told them about myself and everything I am involved in."

The job of filling the position of student Regent took two years.

Carnahan said there was delay after delay in this process, and one year after Allen applied,



Stacey Allen
Student Regent

she was finally named to the Board. In the mean time, Zack Odem, Senate president, was filling in as the interim student representative at the Board meetings.

Allen will be sworn into the position at the governor's office at a future date.

Now that she is student representative, she must attend the Board of Regents meetings. Although she's not allowed to vote on issues, her job is to inform the other Regents of the students' viewpoints.

"I really didn't do a lot at the first meeting," she said. "I just kind of observed and saw how it ran."

To prepare for her new responsibilities, Allen said she has been getting advice from Odem. She said getting student input on topics facing the Board is made easier due to the fact she also is involved in Senate.

"I'm really trying to talk to people and see what they want done," she said.

In between her duties as student representative and Senate secretary, Allen also spends her time as a Southern orientation leader as well the intramural coordinator. As coordinator, she is in charge of "supervising," and planning the events.

She is also the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association student representative for Missouri.

Although her list of extracurricular activities is filed among other things such as boyfriend time and school work, Allen believes all the mayhem helps her.

"It's tricky, but you just have to manage your time and run like crazy," she said.

"It keeps me involved in the College, and I like that."

"I believe that if I'm involved in everything, it will make me have a better college experience."

SECURING THE CAPITOL



Virginia Fairchild/The Chart

Security at the Capitol was heightened after President George W. Bush warned the nation of possible terrorist attacks. Wayne Schults, security guard, checks bags to ensure the safety of the people inside the building.

House bill will grant foreign language credit for ASL

By VIRGINIA FAIRCHILD
State News Editor

Students scanning the schedule book searching for a foreign language that interests them may soon have another option.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Bryan Stevenson (R-Joplin) will, if passed, enable students to take courses in American Sign Language to satisfy their foreign language requirements.

Stevenson, who graduated from the University of North Texas, studied ASL to fulfill his foreign language credits.

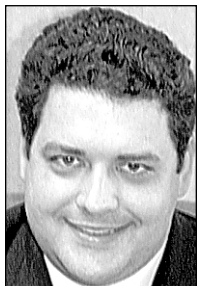
"I also took Spanish, and ASL was far harder than Spanish ever thought about being," he said.

Dr. Roy Miller, executive director of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, said having the ability to take ASL as a for-

eign language "would level the playing field" for students who have disabilities.

"It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for a deaf student to learn a 'spoken' foreign language, such as French, German or Russian, in only a couple of semester courses," he said. "Therefore, that student might be denied admission to a Missouri university because he or she had no 'foreign language' in high school."

Miller said the bill would also enable students who are proficient in the language to test out and receive credit for taking the



Bryan Stevenson
State Representative

course.

"This bill would benefit many hearing students who want to study American Sign Language in order to improve communications between themselves and people who are deaf," he said. "Hearing students can get credit for dead languages such as classical Greek or Latin, yet they are denied the option of getting credit for a living language, that is one of the most frequently used languages in the United States today."

Dr. Jay R. Moorman, head of communications, said the problem with studying ASL in place of a foreign language is that there is no written component that he's aware of.

"I think it should be recognized; it is a language," he said.

Moorman said he's in favor of acknowledging ASL as an "other" or foreign language.

House Bill 97 would not

require schools to offer the language, but it would ensure that students who are studying ASL in an educational institution get foreign language credit. It also states the MCDHH would "provide assistance on development and teaching of these courses."

Miller said his commission would be glad to help out by directing schools to teaching materials and providing them with information about the American Sign Language Teachers Association.

"We can provide names of highly-skilled ASL interpreters in the State of Missouri who might be interested in full- or part-time work," he said.

The number of colleges and universities that offer ASL is growing nationwide, Miller said.

"Unfortunately, however, the number of colleges in Missouri that teach ASL classes is

extremely small," he said. "Hopefully, the passage of this bill would encourage more Missouri schools to offer ASL classes."

Stevenson said he thinks students who acquire the skills to "speak" ASL perform a service to their communities.

"I feel strongly that they should get credit for that," he said.

"I think it should be recognized; it is a language."

Dr. Jay R. Moorman
Head of communications

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Evangel receives \$2 million grant

Evangel University will receive \$2 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

The university is one of 39 colleges and universities in the United States to attain the grant given to begin or enhance programs designed to help prepare upcoming leaders for church and society.

Evangel, the national Assemblies of God university of arts, sciences and professions, has designed programs to encourage students to reflect on the connection between their faith commitments and their choice in careers.

New bill proposes sales tax holiday

A bill sponsored by Senator Ken Jacob (D-Columbia), if passed, will provide shoppers with a "clothing and school supplies sales tax holiday."

Senate Bill 304, which was assigned to the Ways and Means Committee, creates a sales tax holiday for nine days in early August for clothing valued at \$100 or less and school supplies valued at \$50 or less.

State and local sales taxes are both subject to observing the holiday under the bill.

SMSU downsizes two jobs into one

Southwest Missouri State University will save money by consolidating two vice presidential offices into one.

Greg Burris, SMSU vice president for administrative services, will become the university's vice president for administration and finance.

The changes will go into effect July 1.

The retirement of long time vice president for finance Tom Allen brought on the consolidation. The university's Board of Governors gave consent for the plan along with the creation of two associate vice presidential positions – one for finance and one for facilities, safety and transportation.

Curator nominees raise questions

Gov. Bob Holden submitted two nominations Feb. 6 to fill vacancies in the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

In January, Holden nominated Don Walsworth of Marceline and Cheryl Walker of St. Louis to fill the openings. The General Assembly ended their workweek Thursday without taking action on the nominations.

Senator Peter Kinder, president pro tem, told the *Columbia Daily Tribune* there was concerns with the political affiliation of one of the nominees.

State law expresses that the nine-member curator board cannot have more than five members from the same political party.

Majority leaders make budget plan

Republican leaders of both the Missouri House of Representatives and the Senate met with Gov. Bob Holden Feb. 10 to discuss the Republican proposal to prevent education cuts.

"Last Tuesday, the Republican legislature offered a reasonable compromise to solve the current budget shortfall that protects our children's education from Gov. Holden's threats to make \$259 million in cuts to K-12 education plus \$91 million in cuts to higher education," Kinder said.

He said cutting elementary, secondary and higher education are not needed to plug the hole in the budget.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

St. John's announces ticket sales for show

Tickets will soon go on sale for the 19th annual "St. John's Blast from the Past."

The show, presented by the Mercy Regional Health Foundation, will be March 21-22 and 28-29, and will feature dancing, a floorshow and a lip sync competition.

The Foundation will give away a 1982 Corvette or \$15,000, winner's choice.

Tickets are \$20 each and will be sold from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 22 at St John's Regional Medical Center.

They will be available online at www.rafflecorvette.com, at the Prestige Booth in the main lobby of St. John's or by calling the Foundation at 625-2266.

Proceeds benefit the Foundation, which provides health programs and services in the four-state area.

Hospital to offer free health screenings

St. John's Regional Medical Center will offer a free health screening from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22 at Joplin High School West Campus, 102 Schifferdecker.

Cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar and vision screenings will be available for adults.

For information, contact St. John's Operation Community Health, the host of the clinic, at 625-2000.

CBCO holds special drive on Valentine's

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will host a special blood drive for Valentine's Day.

The drive will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday at the Joplin Donor Center, 2639 E. 32nd St. Donors will receive a free T-shirt and may enter a drawing for a chocolate heart from Richardson's Candy House.

For information, contact the CBCO at 626-8323.



Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Norma Johnson dips almonds in chocolate for Valentine's Day at Richardson's Candy House. The Candy House has been open 33 years and kept later hours for last-minute Valentine shoppers.

Candy House dips in for Valentine's

By T.J. GERLACH
City Editor

Bustling with last-minute Valentine's Day shoppers and some regular customers, Richardson's Candy House served area chocolate lovers using family recipes.

Don and Peggy Richardson founded the shop in 1970. They used recipes given to them by Peggy's mother, Dolly Smith, who owned candy stores in West Palm Beach, Fla., in the 1930s and 1940s.

"The recipes have been handed down owner to owner," said Terry Hicklin, who has co-owned the shop with his wife, Pat, since 1999.

Under the Hicklins' ownership, the Candy House has opened two new locations, one in Carthage and one in Springfield.

Hicklin admits this time of year is the busiest for them.

"We've been making Valentine's products since the day after Christmas," he said.

The Candy House employs twice as

many people during the Valentine's season than it does the rest of the year.

"The 13th and 14th are our two single, largest volume days of the year," Hicklin said.

He said during the two months before Valentine's Day, men comprise 65-70 percent of the number of customers, but women are the primary customers the other 10 months of the year. Some customers visit a few times a week, others only a couple times a year. But some customers are first-time Candy House shoppers.

Jamie Parks, a Carl Junction resident, heard about the Candy House from commercials on television. She decided to visit to buy her nieces some Valentine's treats. While it was her first visit, she admitted that "I think I'll be coming back."

The recent expansion of the Candy House will only add to its already large area of popularity.

Jackie Wooden's mother lives in Neosho. When Wooden, a Lawrence, Kan., resident comes to visit, she almost always visits the Candy House.

"It's kind of our [family's] treat," Wooden said.

Wooden also said her favorite thing about the shop is the candy is fresh.

"This is a real unique business, since this is a handmade product," Hicklin said.

Richardson's Candy House is located two miles south of I-44 on Highway 86. The shop is open 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:30-5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

"This is a real unique business, since this is a handmade product."

Terry Hicklin
Owner of Richardson's
Candy House

Auto lot changes locations

By KIMBERLY FEATHER
Staff Writer

What the customer wants is usually what the customer gets.

A Joplin car dealership is taking customer service one step further and meeting the customers needs with a new building.

Joplin Ford is currently renovating the former Albertson's building, just north of Northpark Mall, into a state-of-the-art facility to better serve its customers.

Joplin Ford will soon be one of the largest dealerships in the area. "We are currently not the store of the future, and that is what we want to be," said Michael Sagers, corporate finance director at Joplin Ford.

The company's goal is to look 20-25 years down the road and see what the customer will want; it wants to be ahead of its time.

The waiting rooms will have a living room type of atmosphere with laptop hookups, televisions and comfortable seating space. The waiting rooms are going to be nice, Sagers said.

The location is older and out-of-date. With a newer facility, Joplin Ford has a greater chance of serving the customer more comfortably. With the relocation, it is basically like starting from scratch with a brand new dealership.

"We believe in taking care of our customers," Sagers said.

Sagers said after finding the proper land, it is much more effective and more cost efficient to start from the frame of an old building.

Sagers thinks competition is good for any business, and he is not worried about the new Roper Kia or Roper Honda being close by.

"Joplin really seems to be building that way, dealer to dealer," Sagers said.

Roper Honda shares the same views on the relocation.

"This is positive, I can't wait," said Rick Brown, general manager of Roper Honda. "This will bring more traffic to this part of town."

"It's great the dealers are taking a look at present facilities and meeting the needs of the customers."

Joplin Ford stands behind its mission statement to treat all customers in the dealership as "a guest in our homes."

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Lacey McMunn, sophomore, practices for the tennis team's first meet against Rockhurst.

Lions serve up new team

Season opener set against Rockhurst

By DAVID HAUT

Staff Writer

The Lady Lions tennis team serves up a new season Saturday, facing off against Rockhurst University.

Julie Wengert, head coach, is excited about the new season. Sharing command with her mother, Jane Posch, Wengert plans to concede the position of head coach to her mother next season.

"[This season] she's working into it, and I'm working out of it," Wengert said.

Focused on this season, Wengert has had her share of dilemmas. At the end of the fall season, Wengert had only four players on her roster. Wengert recruited three new players this spring, including 47-year-old Kim McMunn, freshman undeclared major.

"I would meet Kim in all of the Parsons [Kansas] tournaments," Wengert said. "She's a great player; she's really competitive."

Wengert admits that with a new team and a new season, there are going to be some first game jitters.

"We just want to be competitive

with the rest of our conference," she said. "The competition seems to get tougher over the years."

Lacey McMunn, sophomore education major, said every opponent is competition.

"Northwest won conference last year," Wengert said. "They're always strong."

Despite having a new team, the Lady Lions outlook remains positive.

"I think we're better at this point in the season than we were last year," McMunn said.

Also new this year is the format of the conference tournament. This year the tournament puts emphasis on team competition rather than in individual flights.

"We're trying to find out what will be the best for the team," Wengert said.

"We're so used to it being based on individual skills. Now, how do we set it up to benefit the whole team?"

The Ladies have practiced since the beginning of the semester, but the prep time for their first match was delayed due to a tennis tournament at Millennium Tennis and Fitness Center. They were denied access to the indoor courts for the week.

The team has resumed practice, making final preparations for its season opening match at 1 p.m. Saturday at home against Rockhurst University.

Sports: separate but still unequal

The landmark passage of Title IX in 1972 opened new doors for women athletes in colleges and high schools. Now, 31 years later, the law is in trouble.

Department of Education secretary Rod Paige and President George W. Bush have set up a board to review the law and make changes if necessary.

These changes are necessary.

In 1972, one in 27 girls in high school played a sport, if a sport was available to them. In 2000, the figure was one in three. In the past three decades, the number of women participating in college sports has increased fivefold.

These are interesting figures, but if you look at what has happened to men's sports in the past 30 years, it becomes more interesting. In the last three decades, 170 wrestling programs, 80 men's tennis teams, 70 men's gymnastics teams and 45 men's track teams have been eliminated because of Title IX. To make up for this shortfall, colleges and universities across the country have produced 23 women's bowling teams and 40 women's equestrian teams, just to meet requirements for Title IX.

You think I'm kidding, but in 2001 Marquette University cut its wrestling team, and just last year, Howard University eliminated its wrestling team. Marquette's wrestling team was entirely supported by a booster group outside of the university budget. When the boosters offered to raise the money to reinstate the team, the school had no problem with turning them down.

I think the law which made sense 30 years ago is no longer needed. We got things going. Women are now accepted as athletes, and as more and more women sports are created, more and more traditional men's sports are being eliminated to meet the quota set by Title IX.

The quota equals the ratio of men and women athletes being the same as the overall student body, although there is about 56 percent female college students and only 42 percent women athletes.

One of the key changes being looked at for Title IX ended in a 7-7 tie because one of the members was at another meeting. The change was that there would be a 50-50 split of male and female athletes regardless of the student body, with a leeway of 2-3 percent.

This is probably the best suggestion. I believe the law needs not to have minor changes made, but a total overhaul.

Now, I am not attacking Title IX or saying it was a bad idea — I think it was a great idea at the time. It needs to be changed.



Philip Martin

Sports Editor

Team focuses during final home indoor meet of year

By CLIFF ERWIN

Staff Writer

The Lions track and field team hosted its second and final indoor meet of the season Feb. 7-9.

In this meet, the team finished fifth, with 51 points, behind three division one schools and MIAA rival Central Missouri State University.

The Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open Invitational did not only involve division one competition, but was almost a full pre-conference championship meet.

The team showed improvement from the previous week at Oklahoma, and Tom Rutledge, head coach, thought the team had good effort and was better focused.

Rutledge under-distanced many of his runners by putting them in shorter dis-

tance events to work on speed.

Arley Smith set a school record and a provisional in the weight throw with a toss of 58-3.

There were many other accomplishments Rutledge was proud of, but thought there was more to be desired in the pole vault.

Rutledge said there were not many good vaults at the meet due to the number of entries and the time Southern's vaulters had to wait.

"It's the nature of the beast because the pole vault does take so long," Rutledge said.

The NCAA has tried to combat that by shortening the pegs which the bar sits on so that it falls off easier, and Rutledge thinks that theory hasn't worked.

"There are lots of goods and bads about it; we just have to find a way to deal with it better," Rutledge said.

"We really worked hard in the off season and I think it's starting to show through," said Jeremiah Still. "We're not 100 percent yet, but we're going to be. Through a lot of hard work and perseverance, I think we're going to really come through and shine pretty bright this season."

Friday, only part of the team will travel to an elite meet at the University of Arkansas. Southern's athletes will get the chance once again to run against the top athletes in the nation.

Much of the SEC conference, Nike team, the Big 12 conference, and the best of division two will be there.

"It was really an honor to get 16 people in there," Rutledge said.

Athletes who will attend include: Smith, Jamie Tallman in the throws, Kyler Rushing in the high jump, Michael Stewart in the triple jump, Seth

Isringhausen, Kyle Rutledge, and Chris Turner in the pole vault, Thomas Quaid and Michael Sutter in the 800-meter run, Magnus Holmstrom in the 5,000-meter run, Brian Lyons in the mile run, Petri Kykuri, Larry Boswell, Paul Koehler, and Craig Rhoads in the 3,000 meter, and B.J. Blocker in the hurdles.

"We need to be able to tap into quality meets like this to get us prepared for the conference and nationals," Rutledge said.

For athletes not attending the meet in Arkansas, there will be a week of practice and then a cooling off period with steady training for the University of Oklahoma Feb. 22.

"We're going to train hard and stick to it," Still said. "We can't take anything for granted this week, and depending on our legs, we just have to keep training hard."

Team heads toward elite Arkansas meet

By CLIFF ERWIN

Staff Writer

The Lady Lions got a taste of the conference championship meet as all but one team from the MIAA came to the Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open Invitational.

The team placed seventh overall, placing fourth out of the MIAA. On Friday, the team will be sending some athletes to the University of Arkansas as the rest of the team prepares for the Feb. 22 competition at the University of Oklahoma.

Feb. 7-9 the Lady Lions came away from the Invitational meet with four provisional marks, two by Danee Jones, one by Charmain Kent, and one by Mary Garrett. In the weight throw, Jones beat her own school record again with a toss of 58-10.

Patty Vavra, head coach, was

pleased with Jones' performance and thinks that with a little technique help, she will improve even more.

With Kent's provisional in the triple jump of 38-1, she will now be in the top 12 in the nation.

Garrett dropped her time in the 400-meter dash by a second and a half by placing fifth with a time of 57.61 seconds.

Melissa Turner also had a good vaulting day, missing the 11 foot mark by a small margin. Alisha Adams also placed second in the 800-meter run.

"We've been very pleased with the leadership that they (the upperclassmen) have been able to take on," Vavra said. "If you have the patience to stay in the program and keep putting in the work for a number of years, you will continue to improve year after year."

Vavra is also pleased with the freshmen on the team because they keep

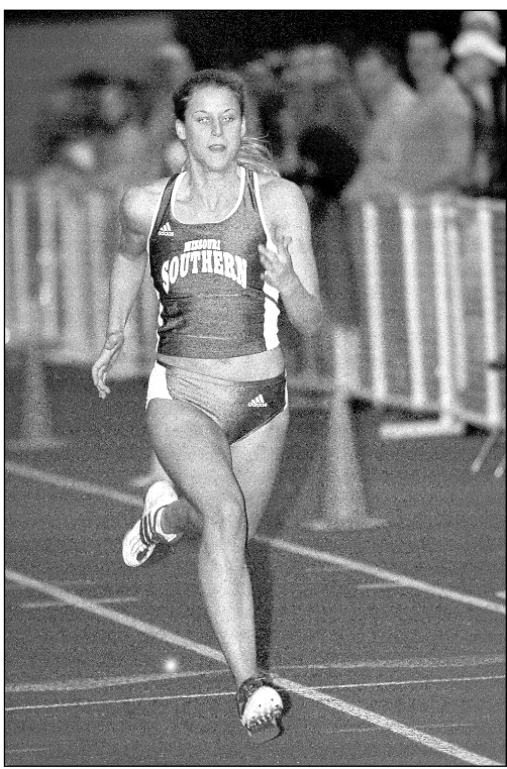
improving every week.

"The team performed pretty well; I think that everyone improved from the last two meets," Garrett said. "The team is starting to come together."

Only some athletes from the team will be heading to the elite meet at Arkansas. These include: Jones in the shot put and weight throw; Adams in the 800 meter; Kent in the triple jump; Garrett in the 60-meter hurdles and possibly in the 400-meter dash; Turner in the pole vault; and freshman Iashia Castle in both the long and triple jumps.

"It's really exciting (to get to go to Arkansas)," Garrett said. "I haven't really competed in a meet that is going to have this many elite athletes."

The team members not traveling to Arkansas will continue to practice on the weekend to prepare for the meet at Oklahoma.



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Tausha Cooke, freshman, participates in the 200-meter dash during the Feb. 8 meet.

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Women's Basketball

Feb. 12 Results				
MSSC (62)				
Player	fg-fga	ft-fita	tp	
Messick	0-0	0-0	4	
Silva	0-1	0-0	6	
Koenig	0-1	2-5	10	
Rzeszut	4-9	5-6	25	
Slinker	1-3	0-0	9	
Inman	0-0	0-0	0	
Deen	0-2	0-0	2	
Harrell	0-0	2-4	6	
Christiansen	0-0	0-0	0	
PSU (59)				
Player	fg-fga	ft-fita	tp	
Shanline	1-6	0-0	5	
Spieker	0-1	4-7	20	
Scrivner	0-4	0-0	10	
Davied	3-5	2-2	17	
Watkins	1-2	0-0	7	
Johnson	0-1	0-0	0	
Wilson	0-1	0-0	0	
Mathews	0-0	0-0	0	
Hennigh	0-0	0-0	0	
MSSC	28	31	— 52	
PSU	27	35	— 62	
Fouled Out — None.				
3-point goals — Rzeszut 4, Slinker 1.				
Rebounds — MSSC 46 (Messick 11), PSU 38 (Shanline 6, Watkins 6)).				
Assists — MSSC 11 (Koenig 4), PSU 16 (Davied 5).				
Total fouls — MSSC-17, PSU 14.				

Men's Basketball

Feb. 12 Results				
MSSC (80)				
Player	fg-fga	ft-fita	tp	
Warren	3-3	0-0	15	
Scheirer	0-0	0-0	2	
Rose	1-5	0-0	11	
Watts	4-9	3-3	17	
Ocasio	2-4	3-4	19	
Hice	0-0	2-2	2	
Cruse	0-0	0-0	0	
Sherrel	1-2	0-0	3	
Redmond	0-0	2-3	4	
Collazo	0-0	1-1	7	
PSU (75)				
Player	fg-fga	ft-fita	tp	
Richardson	0-2	1-3	13	
Campbell	2-4	1-4	11	
Vogt	0-0	4-6	20	
Brooks	1-9	8-8	17	
Vosseler	3-9	0-0	11	
Baumgardner	0-1	0-0	0	
Shepherd	0-0	0-0	0	
Twito	0-0	1-2	3	
MSSC	46	34	— 80	
PSU	32	43	— 75	
3-point goals — Watts 4, Warren 3, Ocasio 2, Rose 1.				
Fouled out — None.				
Rebounds — Southern 46 (Warren 12), PSU 46 Richardson 12).				
Assists — Southern 16 (Watts 7), PSU 15 (Campbell 7).				
Total fouls — Southern 20, PSU 16.				
Technical fouls —Southern 1 (Rose), PSU 1 (Richardson).				

Baseball

Feb. 8 Results — Game 2				
MSSC 3 (0-4)				
Player	ab	r	h	bi
Catanzaro cf	2	0	1	1
Hughes ph	1	1	1	0
Techlin ss	2	0	0	0
Lallemand ph/ss	2	0	1	0
Carver c	2	0	1	0
Johnson ph	1	0	0	0
Ritchie c	1	0	1	1
Keister 3b	2	0	0	0
Peterson ph	1	0	0	0
Hergenrother dh	3	1	1	1
Bates ph	1	0	0	0
Schiller lf	1	1	0	0
Bronson rf	3	0	0	0
Nonemaker 1b	3	0	1	1
Lawver 2b	3	0	1	2
Brown p	0	0	0	0
Robison p	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	8	3
Dallas Baptist 11 (7-0)				
Player	ab	r	h	bi
Noss 2b	1	1	0	1
Bina 2b	1	0	0	0
Wilson lf	2	1	1	0
Tsukahara rf	0	0	0	0
Causey cf	4	2	2	2
Lindsey dh	0	0	0	0
Hudspeth dh	3	1	2	0
Phillips rf/lf	3	2	2	3
Holder rf	1	0	0	0
Locey 1b	3	1	0	1
Montgomery 3b	3	1	1	0
Gardner c	4	1	1	2
Garza c	0	0	0	0
Robinson ss	4	1	3	1
Wilson p	0	0	0	0
Bartin p	0	0	0	0
Orozco p	0	0	0	0
Kennedy p	0	0	0	0
Harrison p	0	0	0	0
Total	29	11	12	10
MSSC	0	2	0	0
Dallas Baptist	2	1	3	1
E Wilson, Robinson. DP — DBU 1. LOB — MSSC 8, DBU 8. 2B — Hughes, Ritchie, Causey 2, Hudspeth, Robinson. HR — None.				

Southern Schedule

Softball — Saturday at home against SIU-Edwardsville. Games start at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Lady Lions work hard for fans

By KRISTEN SMITH

Assistant Sports Editor

On Feb. 12, the Lady Lions Basketball season continued as the women hosted a much anticipated rematch against Pittsburg State University.

A packed house turned out to watch the Lady Lions sweep the Lady Gorillas in one of the closest games this season.

Southern pulled through with the win, 62-59.

“It was a total team effort,” said junior guard Kacey Inman.

“We worked really hard this week for the fans.”

Senior guard Jaquie Rzeszut held the scoring high with a total of 25 points. With 12 seconds left in the game, the women fought to keep Pittsburg from making a 3-pointer that could tie the game.

Rzeszut came from behind Amanda Davied with a steal and flew down court to score a layup, putting Southern ahead, 60-59.

“That was fun,” Rzeszut said. “I was mad, and we were up by three, so I backed off from her a little bit then made the steal.”

Junior forward Wyketha Harrell had four fouls against her during the game but scored six points for Southern.

“I was getting caught in the wrong position,” Harrell said.

The women were excited about the number of fans who turned out to watch the

game and stressed their thanks for the support.

“We didn’t do it for them,” Harrell said.

“We did it because of them.”

On Feb. 8, the women suffered the second loss for the season against Northwest Missouri State’s Lady Bearcats. The women had hoped to bring come back with another win, despite their history of losing away games.

Southern lost 68-63, with Harrell scoring a total of 10 points and holding the game highs.

“We are on a winning streak and were expecting it to come easier,” Rzeszut said.

“We got slapped in the face.”

Not only did the women get a wake-up call, but on Feb. 10, the Lady Lions also had the toughest practice they have had all season.

“We will not have another practice like that,” Rzeszut said.

The Lady Lions plan to work hard in preparation for a trip to Emporia, Kan., to challenge the women of Emporia State University.

The Lady Lions hope to see as many fans at their next home game set on Feb. 22 against Truman State University.

Tip off is set for 1 p.m. at Leggett & Platt.

“It shouldn’t be just the PSU games,” said junior center Paige Christiansen. “It should be every game.”



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Carol Koenig, freshman guard, dribbles past a Pitt State defender during the Lady Lions win Feb. 12 . The women won 62-59; the men won 80-75.

Southern stomps Gorillas, prepares for Emporia

By KEITH ROBERTSON

Staff Writer

Missouri Southern completed the season sweep of bitter rival Pittsburg State University with an 80-75 win on Feb. 12.

The win improved the Lions’ record to 15-6 (9-4 MIAA). It also restored a little confidence after their 93-92 road loss to Northwest Missouri State University.

And confidence, according to head coach Robert Corn, is a must now that the team is in the final month of the season, and struggling for position in the conference tournament.

The first half started out fast paced for both teams. As Southern and PSU traded baskets for most of the half, the phys-

ical play in the post began to escalate. Both teams’ post players were constantly fighting for position, and at times it got a little out of hand.

Finally, the physical play came to a climax when Lion forward Deon Rose and PSU guard Jamey Richardson began shoving and shouting at each other after a Richardson foul. Both players were charged with contact technical fouls. The double technical foul call was the turning point in the first half.

“That call put Richardson on the bench with four fouls early in the game and gave us a little boost we needed,” Corn said.

After the technical, Southern began building a lead and eventually led by as much as 14 in the first half. The half

ended with the Lions leading by a score of 46-32.

In the second half, PSU came out and quickly cut the Southern lead to only six, but Southern kept a firm grip on its lead the entire second half.

“Each time they got close, somebody stepped up and hit a big shot for us or came up with a defensive stop,” Corn said. “It has been that way all year long for us.”

Behind the leadership of junior guard Ameer Watts, the Lions held off the PSU surge.

“Ameer has been a leader for this team since day one,” Corn said.

“The players respect him and listen to him. He is so good at getting everyone involved and making sure the team does

the right thing on the court.”

The Lions were led offensively by sophomore guard Hiram Ocasio with 19 points. Not far behind Ocasio were Watts and senior forward Jamahr Warren with 17 and 15 points respectively. Rose was also in double digits with 11 points.

The Lions will be back on the road Saturday to take on Emporia State. Emporia State is one of the co-leaders in the conference and has beaten Southern once this year.

“Emporia is playing extremely well as a team this year, and they have some very good individual players,” Corn said. “We just have to be ready to play and compete so we can get the job done. Especially on the road.”

Juggling a Dream

Athlete shoots for Olympic spotlight in 2008 Beijing Games

By CLIFF ERWIN

Staff Writer

Running a 200-meter dash in one of 17 heats in 26 seconds at a division two college meet, one can expect around a 64th place finish, but if one tries running the 200 while juggling three balls, one finds himself in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Chris Essick is one of several athletes who strives and tries to maintain records in the 200- and 400-meter dashes on the indoor and outdoor track every year.

Joggling is not a new sport. It first appeared in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, where many different events, such as joggling, not featured in today’s Olympics, took place. George Roth won the gold medal in the event, and that was the first and last time joggling was an Olympic event.

Essick was born and raised in Ozark where, during his high school career, he was a three-sport athlete in football, wrestling and track and field. He attended Missouri Valley College and ran the decathlon.

During his high school years, a 38-year-old by the name of Albert Lucas, who is classified by the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world’s greatest jog-

gler, came to Branson for a joggling showdown. He had asked the Branson Chamber of Commerce if there was someone it recommended to train with, and it suggested Essick. Lucas holds the 110 and 410 hurdle records while joggling.

“I didn’t even know how to juggle when I started doing this,” Essick said. “I ran track all my life, never did juggle at all.”

Essick took it upon himself to learn Lucas’ techniques and train to become what he is today.

To teach himself, Essick would stand up with his back against a wall and juggle without moving his arms because if one uses too much power to get the balls in the air, they would go all over the place.

Essick said it also helps to find a happy medium between concentrating on the balls in front of and looking left and right with peripheral vision.

“The running is second nature, you have to keep control of the balls,” Essick said.

Since Essick’s college days, he has broken records in the outdoor 200- and 400-meter dashes while joggling, as well as the indoor 200-meter dash. Jamie Mosley currently owns the indoor 400-meter dash joggling record, which Essick was going to attempt Feb. 9, but

didn’t because of a strained hamstring.

He has attempted breaking records at Missouri Southern for the past three years, both outdoor and indoor.

“I always enjoy Chris coming into our meets, he’s always welcome,” said Tom Rutledge, men’s track and field head coach.

“Anybody that can run and juggle as fast as he can is really quite a sight to see.”

Junior track athlete, Jeremiah Still, has been Essick’s pacer every time. They have broken two indoor records and one outdoor together.

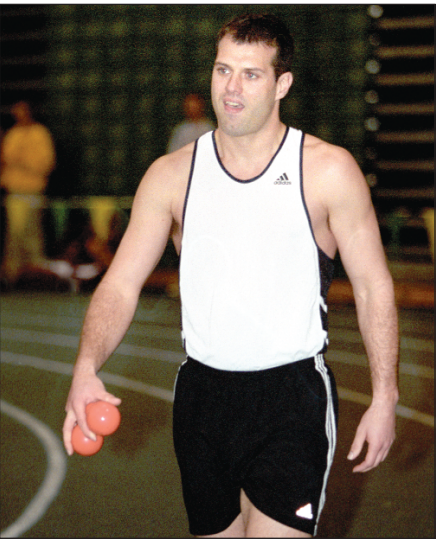
“It’s a really unique experience...it’s exciting because you’re in the moment and you’re part of something that is ‘world’ and you feel that and it takes you outside of your bubble,” said Still.

Still has to stay in front, keeping Essick on a pace to beat the record.

“I’ve had good luck with Jeremiah being a good pacer,” Essick said. “He’s a smart kid...I’m very lucky to have a pacer like that, to know the language of track and field and know what I’m trying to accomplish and he’s been a great asset to me.”

Essick entered an application for joggling into the 2008 Olympics, which are set to be held in Beijing, China.

“We felt that they (China) were more willing to take it (joggling) than Greece was,” Essick said.



Andy Tevis/The Chart

Chris Essick, professional juggler, performed at the Feb. 8 meet.

Essick thinks the Chinese are more susceptible to taking the application as opposed to the Greeks because of their background in the circus field.

“We’re not really trying to get the circus attire on the track, because we want to keep it as professional as possible,” Essick said.

“We’re not just out here being a Mickey Mouse operation; it’s really a tough thing to do. It takes a lot of coordination, hand and eye coordination, it’s not easy.”